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LETTER DATED 31 AUGUST 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of provocation and surveillance during the period from 21 to 28 August 1992, as follows:

21-22 August 1992

Twenty sorties flown by 10 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,500 m, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Amadiyah, Irbil, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

23-24 August 1992

Thirty-eight sorties flown by 17 two-aircraft formations, one three-aircraft formation and one single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 1,500-7,000 m, centred on Zakho, Amadiyah, Mosul, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Tall Afar, Irbil and Dukan.

24-25 August 1992

Eighteen sorties flown by nine two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-800 km/h and at altitudes of 2,000-5,000 m, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

At 1420 hours on 24 August 1992, two Jaguar aircraft overflew Firnas airfield at a speed of 800 km/h and at an altitude of 20 m, which caused the airfield's radar antenna to break.

25-26 August 1992

Twenty-six sorties flown by 13 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-6,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Tall Afar.

26-27 August 1992

Sixteen sorties flown by eight two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 1,600-7,000 m, centred on Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil and Tall Afar.

27-28 August 1992

Twenty-two sorties flown by 11 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-5,200 m, centred on Dohuk, Mosul, Rawanduz and Tall Afar.

At 1819 hours on 27 August 1992, the United States Air Force violated Iraqi airspace in the southern area with 71 sorties flown by three two-aircraft formations, six three-aircraft formations, nine two-aircraft formations and 23 single aircraft at speeds of 600-800 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-10,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Salman, Shatrah, Jabaliyah, Ba'idah, Mu'ayanah and Ansab.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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